

In clause 5 of rule XX, redesignate paragraph (c) as paragraph (d) and insert after paragraph (b) the following new paragraph:

“(c)(1) In the event that efforts to secure the attendance of a quorum have proceeded as described in subparagraph (2), the number of Members responding to those efforts by the close of the further call described in subdivision (2)(C) shall constitute the provisional number of the House. In the event that a Member included in the provisional number of the House thereafter ceases to be a Member, both the whole number of the House and the provisional number of the House shall be adjusted accordingly. In the event that a Member excluded from the provisional number of the House thereafter appears in the House, the provisional number of the House shall be adjusted accordingly.

“(2) Efforts to secure the attendance of a quorum have proceeded as contemplated by subparagraph (1) if, after a motion under paragraph (a) or (b) has been disposed of and without intervening adjournment —

“(A) a call of the House continues for longer than ____ hours (excluding time in recess) without producing a quorum; and

“(B) the Speaker —

“(i) is advised by _____ that catastrophic circumstances have left the House unable to produce a quorum; and

“(ii) announces the same to the House; and

“(C) thereafter a further call of the House continues for longer than ____ additional hours (excluding time in recess) without producing a quorum.

“(3) An announcement under subdivision (2)(B) shall not be subject to appeal.

“(4) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “provisional number of the House” means the number of Members upon which a quorum will be computed in the House until the number of Members sufficient to constitute a quorum among the whole number of the House appear in the House.”.